

and courage. . . . If the ultimate goal of the consummate public citizen is to improve our collective lot, and to enjoy the privilege of making one's personal mark on Vermont's well-being, then no other public citizen called to service in our wonderful state has achieved that pinnacle more than Cornelius D. Hogan of Plainfield.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed witnessing Con's talents, not only in public service but on the stage, as an accomplished bluegrass musician. Con's passion and zeal for life is evident in all that he does.

Mr. President, I'm sure I could stand here all day, and regale my colleagues with stories and tributes to this remarkable man and still, Con's contribution would not be described adequately. For us to thoroughly understand the impacts of his sage and exemplary leadership, the outcomes of Con Hogan's service to Vermonters will need to be measured far into the new millennium.

I join my fellow Vermonters in offering my most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Con Hogan for his years of public service, and I wish him all the best in his new endeavors. ●

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1692

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1692, which was introduced earlier today by Senator SANTORUM, is at the desk. I therefore ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1692) to amend Title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I now ask for the bill's second reading, and on behalf of Members of the other side of the aisle, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I appreciate the fact that the Democratic leader is still here. I know he had urgent meetings he had to go to. We needed to get that final recorded vote and pass that bill. I appreciate his pa-

tience on that. Also, I think he and I both agree that we want to advise Members on both sides of the aisle and all concerned that we are discussing how to proceed with the vote that is now in place on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

After we discussed our concerns about how and when to proceed on that, then there started to be a lot of speculation on both sides of the aisle and all around town. I think it is important for Members to just calm down and relax. We need to have the ability to communicate with each other and think about what is in the best interest of the Senate and our country and weigh all of the evidence that is now available to us.

We do have a unanimous consent agreement that we will proceed to this issue, and we will have a vote after the requisite number of hours, probably on the 12th, or perhaps the morning of the 13th before we get to final passage. Nothing more than that has been done.

We will have to work through this, and we will certainly have to work with our respective caucuses and the White House, because this is a very important national security and foreign policy issue, and we will also have to be involved in the consideration in how we proceed on this issue.

I think that is what we need to say at this point. Nothing beyond that has been agreed to, suggested, or called for by the President, or by any Senator, and all we are trying to do is communicate and see if we are proceeding in the best interests of all concerned.

Would the Senator like to add to that?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I agree with the characterization made just now by the majority leader. I think all we can do is continue to discuss the matter to see if we might proceed in a way that would accommodate the concerns and needs of both caucuses. I think what the majority leader said, especially about rumors, and how all this began is irrelevant. In fact, the more rumors, the more this matter is exacerbated. If we really want to try to proceed successfully, we need to quell the rumors and get on with trying to talk with dispassionate voices and make sure we make the right decisions. We are prepared to do that, and I know the majority leader is prepared to do that. That is all that needs to be said at this time.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 6.

I further ask unanimous consent that, on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume debate on S. 1650, the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will begin at 9:30 on this important legislation. The pending amendment is the Nickles amendment regarding the Social Security trust fund. It is hoped that this and remaining amendments can be debated and disposed of in a timely fashion so that action on the bill can be completed no later than Thursday evening.

Therefore, I ask Senators to work with the bill managers to Schedule a time to offer their amendments. Senators should be aware that rollcall votes will occur throughout the day on Wednesday and on Thursday. This week, we also expect to handle the Agriculture Appropriations conference report. I understand that some time for debate or discussion on that conference report will be required. We will work to find a window to do that. If the House should approve the Foreign Operations conference report later today or tomorrow, then we will look for an opportunity to also take that up.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 5, 1999:

THE JUDICIARY

RAYMOND C. FISHER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.
BRIAN THEADORE STEWART, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH.

REJECTION

Executive nomination rejected by the Senate on October 5, 1999:

RONNIE L. WHITE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.